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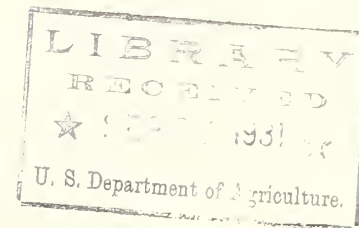


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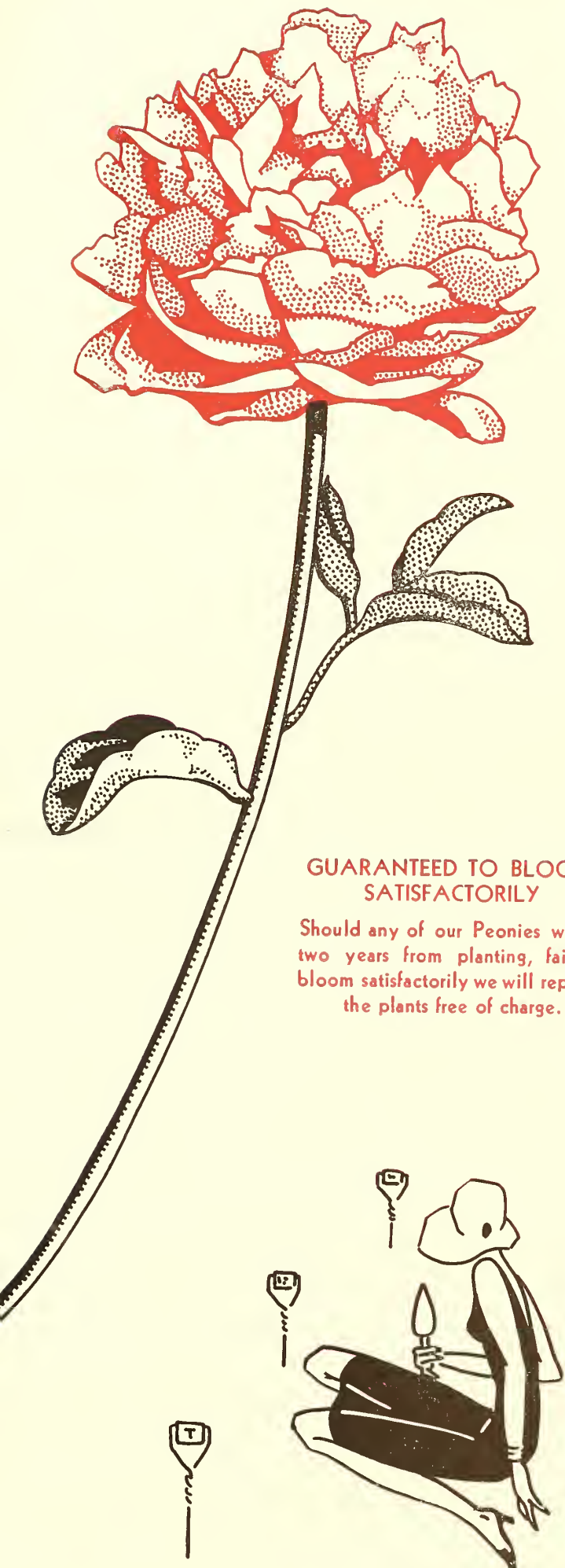
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Alert—in Gardening Matters, too!

TO KNOW by name the creations of Master Plantsmen is one of the many pleasures of Present-day Gardening. Those Glorious Peonies, for which we are mostly indebted to the Hybridists of France, are indeed like possessing in your garden living-paintings by the world's great masters.

To those who favor "the nicer things" this folder is addressed and we are bringing to your attention those Modern Peonies that are exceptionally free-blooming with a fine range of color and long blooming season.

Cottage Gardens Peonies mean the ultimate in Peony Quality; still our extensive plantings make it possible to offer our plants as low, often lower, than generally charged for ordinary Peonies.

We sincerely hope that you will add to your garden some of the Gems we are offering here.

GUARANTEED TO BLOOM SATISFACTORILY

Should any of our Peonies within two years from planting, fail to bloom satisfactorily we will replace the plants free of charge.

THE COTTAGE GARDENS
LANSING ~ MICHIGAN



Japanese Peony MIKADO

This elegant flower always enjoys much attention. The cerise-red color, a peculiar oriental shade, and the soft yellow center is bright, yet possesses that air of refinement that keeps the color from being dominant. A planting of MIKADO between water and large evergreens, for instance, would create a marvelous effect. We strongly recommend this Peony; you will be delighted with its performance, for it is free-flowering and has attractive foliage. Plant it against shrubs or evergreens as a specimen or in groups. It is highly interesting near a pool.

\$2.00 Each; \$20.00 Per Dozen

Plant Peonies From Now Until Ground Freezes

The Fascinating Peony Border

The beautiful Peony Borders so much admired at English Country Homes are now becoming fashionable in North America. Golden Daffodils, mingled with the blood-colored young Peony Shoots, and bordered by a delicate China blue band of Scilla Siberica is a sight which lingers in the memory even after the Peonies have come into their wealth of gorgeous blossoms.

The Glorious Peony Blooms may be followed in the border by Gladioli towering over the masses of broad Peony foliage in July, August and September, perhaps accompanied by Delphinium Hybrids and Lilies. In fact, Lilies form ideal companions for Peonies.

Peonies are decorative from the time they show their first richly colored shoots until fall; they form the neatest and "easiest-to-take-care-of" border.

HOW TO PLANT IN BORDERS. For permanent borders Peonies should be set at least 3 feet apart each way. Single Peonies should be planted in a group by themselves. Tall-growing varieties in the back and if you must plant near the roots of large trees or shrubs, furnish the plant with plenty of rich soil or well-decomposed fertilizer. Rather than straight rows, plant zig-zag.

Sarah Bernhardt (Lemoine)

A most perfectly formed flower of lovely deep apple-blossom or rose-pink, on graceful stems. An unusually free-blooming plant. Received first prize as best dark pink Peony at the National Peony Show in 1926.

\$1.25 Each

NOTE Peonies can be planted from now until early winter. Although early spring planting is alright, it is far better to plant in the fall.

PREPARATION OF SOIL. Peonies are gross-feeders and like lots of well-decomposed fertilizer. Soils on the heavy order produce the finest blossoms but almost any soil, well fertilized, will produce satisfactory results. The main thing is good drainage. Avoid low spots where water stands during spring.

SPECIAL BORDER COLLECTIONS

(When ordering state what colors you are partial to and we will keep the assortment within these as much as possible).

| | |
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| 12 PEONIES, 12 varieties, properly labeled, our selection | \$8.00 |
| 25 PEONIES, 12 varieties, properly labeled, our selection | 15.00 |
| 50 PEONIES, 20 varieties, properly labeled, our selection | 29.00 |
| 100 PEONIES, 30 varieties, properly labeled, our selection | 56.00 |

What to Plant with Peonies

Many plants may be planted between and amongst Peonies; in beds and borders they alternate well with Delphinium, Michaelmas Daisies, Artemisia, etc. Bulbs such as Gladioli, that flower when the Peonies are long past, and other bulbs such as Early Tulips, Narcissi, Scillas and Crocus are among the most admirable companions for Peonies.

Peonies are the best associates for Lilies. Either *Lilium Auratum* or *Lilium Speciosum* is good. By using these bulbs as fillers your Peony bed will bloom through July and August. **The early flowering Peonies will give the Lilies the shelter they crave and you will have the stately Lilies and Peonies growing in the same space.**

Shakespeare, himself, must have noticed the companionship of the Lily, for he speaks of "Thy banks with paeonied and liliated brim," in "The Tempest."

MADONNA LILIES

(*Lilium Candidum*)

For years we have supplied those who appreciate quality, with a fine grade of both Madonna and Regal Lilies and this year again can furnish wonderful Madonna Lilies at an advantageous price.

Plant in loam or sandy soil, in an open, fully exposed place, surrounding the bulb with sand and placing it somewhat on its side, about 4 to 5 inches deep. This Lily does not like to be moved after being established.

| | Each | 12 | 100 |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| SELECTED BULBS | \$1.30 | \$3.00 | \$23.00 |
| MAMMOTH BULBS | .50 | 5.00 | 33.00 |

REGAL LILIES

(Most Beautiful of all Lilies)

Grows 4 to 5 ft. high. Center of flower flushed with yellow, shading to white at the outer edges. Thrives in any good well drained soil and is the easiest of all Lilies to grow. Plant early fall, about 6 inches deep. Blooms in July.

We offer three grades: 3-4½ inches, which may not bloom the first year but will grow and be larger next season, the 6-7 inch grade which is next to the largest and insures early results and the large 7-9 inch grade.

| | | Each | 12 | 100 |
|------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| SPECIAL GRADE | | | | |
| (for growing on) | 3-4½ in. | \$1.15 | \$1.50 | \$10.00 |
| LARGE BULBS | 6-7 in. | .25 | 2.50 | 19.00 |
| SELECTED BULBS | 7-9 in. | .40 | 4.00 | 32.50 |

Include Some of These in Your Order

MARIE CROUSSE

That charming shade of soft salmon-pink, so much sought after in the garden and so hard to obtain in any class of plants. Marie Crousse is a marvelous Peony that never disappoints. The flower is of attractive form and possesses rare color value. This has always been a higher priced Peony but this year we are able to offer it at

\$1.25 Each

GIGANTEA — Calot

This Peony has the fragrance of a Tea Rose. The plant produces flowers of enormous size, of a soft rose shade that is extremely beautiful when opened indoors. This variety in the true form is very scarce and we are fortunate to possess a fine healthy stock of it that we can offer at an attractive price.

95c Each; \$9.50 Per Dozen

THE OLD FASHIONED EARLY RED PEONY—Official Rubra Fl. Pl. Blooms before Decoration Day even in our latitude
\$1.00 Each; \$10.00 Per Dozen

9.3 FESTIVA MAXIMA. Early, pure white, with carmine touched center. Free bloomer; fragrant. Most widely known white Peony
50c Each; \$5.00 Per Dozen

8.1 CROWN OF GOLD (Cronne d' Or). The famous "Crown of Gold." Pure white with a circle of golden stamens. Very fragrant. Semi-rose type. Late midseason. Flowers keep exceptionally well after cut
50c Each; \$5.00 Per Dozen

PRIMEVERE — Springtime

The nearest to a yellow Peony, center pure yellow, guard petals creamy-white. Large bomb-type flower, tall, free-blooming, midseason. Always draws much attention in our Show Garden.

\$2.50 Each

French Lilacs

The best time to plant French Lilacs is early fall, as then they can develop roots toward winter and bloom the next spring. We make a specialty of French Lilacs and offer from our large collection the following beautiful sorts:

| | Size | Each |
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| ALEX. VON HUMBOLDT, double, red-purple | 2-2½ ft. | \$1.25 |
| BELLE DE NANCY, double, satiny rose | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |
| BUFFON, single, mauve-pink | 2-2½ ft. | 2.00 |
| CHARLES TENTH, single, lilac, free-blooming | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |
| CHARLES JOLY, double, bright crimson-violet, midseason | 2-2½ ft. | 1.75 |
| CLAUDE BERNARD, semi-double, bright lilac | 2½-3 ft. | 2.00 |
| EDOUARD ANDRE, double, clear rose | 2-2½ ft. | 2.00 |
| FRENCH GIANT, large single white | 2-2½ ft. | 2.00 |
| JEAN MACE, double, bluish mauve | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |

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| LAMARTINE, single, large mauve-pink. Fast growing and free-blooming. Early | 2½-3 ft. | 1.50 |
| LOUVOIS, voluminous clusters of large single flowers, deep violet purple with bluish shades | 2½-3 ft. | 1.75 |
| MME. ANTOINE BUCHNER, double, tender rose, shaded mauve; buds rich carmine rose opening to a distinct blue | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |
| MME. CASIMIR PERIERE, double, cream-white | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |
| MME. LEMOINE, double white, very large | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |
| MARIE LEGRAYE, single, white | 2-2½ ft. | 1.25 |
| MONT BLANC, large single white | 2-2½ ft. | 2.00 |
| PASCAL, single, typical lilac | 2½-3 ft. | 2.00 |
| PRESIDENT GREVY, double blue | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |
| PRESIDENT LOUBET, double, reddish-purple | 2-2½ ft. | 2.50 |
| SOUVENIR DE LOUIS SPAETH, single, deep purplish violet, large trusses | 2-2½ ft. | 1.50 |

RAINBOW IRIS COLLECTION

We offer at greatly reduced prices the following selection of German Iris:

- 1 Caprice, rose
- 1 Florentina Alba, white
- 1 John de Witt, clear blue
- 1 Kochi, black-purple
- 1 Loreley, yellow and blue

- 1 Mrs. Alan Gray, mauve
- 1 Pallida Dalmatica, silvery blue
- 1 Perfection, light and dark blue
- 1 Princess Victoria Louise, yellow and plum
- 1 Sherwin Wright, pure yellow

The above collection of 10 beautiful varieties.....\$1.50 (prepaid)

Three above collection of 10 beautiful varieties....\$4.25 (prepaid)

If desired, we will send C.O.D. or on open account if references accompany the order.

